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STIPULATED MOTION AND ORDER TO CONTINUE DEADLINE FOR EXCHANGE OF BAD FAITH AND IFCA EXPERT WITNESS REPORTS - 1 CAUSE NO. 2:17-CV-01212-RSL

Honorable Robert S. Lasnik

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION,

Plaintiff.

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ARROWOOD INDEMNITY COMPANY,

V.

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:17-cv-01212-RSL

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NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR: July 18, 2018

Pursuant to LCR 7(d)(1) and LCR 10(g), Plaintiff Costco Wholesale Corporation ("Costco") and Defendant Arrowood Indemnity Company ("Arrowood"), by and through their attorneys of record, hereby submit this Stipulated Motion and [Proposed] Order to Continue the Deadline to Exchange Bad Faith and IFCA Expert Witness Reports. The Parties have met and conferred, and submit this Stipulated Motion in good faith.

## DISCUSSION

By its Minute Order Setting Trial Date & Related Dates, the Court set this matter for trial on November 5, 2018 and also set a case schedule of pretrial deadlines. ECF No. 13. On April 19, 2018, the Court entered the Parties' agreed extension of time for certain pretrial deadlines,

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including, among others, an extension of the deadline for expert witness reports from May 9, 2018 to June 20, 2018. ECF No. 19. On June 8, 2018, the Court entered the Parties' agreed extension of time for a continuance of the deadline for expert witness reports from June 20, 2018 to July 5, 2018. ECF No. 21. On July 9, 2018, the Court entered the Parties' agreed extension of time continuing the expert witness report deadline to July 23, 2018. ECF No. 32.

Costco also moved for leave to file a first amended complaint on June 20, 2018. ECF No. 22. Arrowood has opposed this motion. ECF No. 29. The Motion to Amend is still pending before the Court. The proposed first amended complaint would add claims for breach of contract, bad faith, and violation of the Insurance Fair Conduct Act, RCW 48.30.015 ("IFCA"), and the Consumer Protection Act, Chapter 19.86 RCW.

The Parties agree that, if the Court grants the Motion to Amend, each will want the option to present an expert on issues pertaining to both bad faith and IFCA. The Parties further agree that it would waste both parties' resources to prepare and finalize expert reports on bad faith and IFCA claims if such claims do not become part of this case.

The Parties have conferred on scheduling and agree that extending the time for disclosure of bad faith and IFCA expert witnesses to August 3, 2018 will still allow for expert depositions and rebuttal reports to be completed by the deadlines established under the current case schedule. The Parties therefore respectfully request that this Stipulated Motion be granted and that the Court agree to continue the deadline for the exchange of bad faith and IFCA expert witness reports only to <a href="Mugust 3, 2018">August 3, 2018</a> if the Court allows the amendment; this extension shall not apply to any other expert reports, which shall be due on July 23, 2018. Rebuttal expert designations for all experts shall remain August 30, 2018. The Parties do not request that the Court continue the

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trial date or any other dates except those relating to the exchange of expert witness reports as 1 requested in this motion. 2 STIPULATED TO this 18th day of July, 2018. 3 4 5 PACIFICA LAW GROUP LLP CLYDE & CO US LLP 6 By s/ Alexander E. Potente By s/ Matthew J. Segal 7 Alexander E. Potente, WSBA #48858 Paul J. Lawrence, WSBA # 13557 8 James A. Taylor Meehan, Admitted Pro Hac Vice Matthew J. Segal, WSBA #29797 Nicholas W. Brown, WSBA #33586 Curtis Darrow Parvin, Admitted Pro Hac Vice 9 10 Corporation Company 11 12 ORDER 13 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Stipulated Motion to continue the deadline for the 14 exchange of bad faith and IFCA expert witness reports is GRANTED. The new date for the 15 16 exchange of bad faith and IFCA expert witness reports is August 3, 2018. 17 18 DATED this 18th day of July, 2018. 19 20 21 Robert S. Lasnik United States District Court Judge 22 23 24 25 26

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